Assessment of Indo-Pak Trade during 2004

†785. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth in Indo-Pak trade during 2004 has been assessed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas where growth has been registered and quantum of growth expected in ensuing years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The growth which has taken place in India-Pakistan trade is given below:—

(Value in US $ Million)

Year	Exports to Pakistan	Imports from Pakistan	Total Trade	Rate of Growth
2000-2001	186.32	64.03	250.35	—
2001-2002	144.01	64.76	208.77	(-)16.6%
2002-2003	206.16	44.85	251.01	20.2%
2003-2004	286.55	57.74	344.29	37.2%
2003-2004 (April-Nov.)	110.48	44.47	154.95	—
2004-2005 (April-Nov.)	314.54	66.25	380.79	145,8%

From the details given above it may be seen that a strong growth of 185% has been registered in exports to Pakistan between the period April—Nov. 2004 (US$ 314.54 million) as compared to US$ 110.48 million for the corresponding period in the year 2003-04, and a growth of 149% has been registered in imports from Pakistan during the same period of the current year.

(c) The commodities where significant growth is registered includes, man-made fibre (1145%), plastic and linoleum products (1864%), non-ferrous metals (1311%), rice (other than basmati) (542%), ferro alloys (875%), pulses (759%), meat and meat preparations (521 %) etc.

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